

WOOD DECKS PORCHES

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Before a permit can be issued, in addition to a completed permit application, the following information is required.

Scale Drawings that include:

All property lines of parcel where deck is proposed including property dimensions.

Exact location of proposed deck.

Exact location of all other structures on proposed construction site (parcel) with distances between each clearly indicated.

Exact location of all buildings on adjoining properties with distances from deck clearly indicated.

Dimensions of proposed deck including square footage.

All posts, beams, joist spacing, and sizes of each

Post depth, typical construction, stairs, rails, including baluster spacing, and bolts or fasteners used. (section drawing).

(All information to be submitted in duplicate.)

NOTE: A "Plat of Survey" including all the required site information is preferred in lieu of a site drawing.

This informational sheet is not intended to be a "How to construct a deck". It has been prepared to answer commonly asked questions. Proper location and construction is the responsibility of the owner or his designated agent. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK US. (414-769-2211)

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Your proposed deck/porch shall:

- Be constructed of treated or naturally decay-resistant lumber.
- Secured with corrosion resistant fasteners (i.e. bolts, nails, screws, hangers)
NOTE: screws shall be used to secure decking only
- Incorporate the proper nails in conjunction with joist hangers.
- Have graspable handrails at stairways if more than 3 risers (height not less than 30" nor more than 38" measured vertically from nosing).
- Have balusters spaced so as to prevent the passage of a sphere 4" in diameter.
- Have guardrails if deck/porch is higher than 24" above grade (guardrail to be 36" from deck surface) minimum.
- Be at least 3' from property lines if more than 10' from dwelling.
- Be in compliance with zoning code setback, side yard, and rear yard requirements if less than 10' from dwelling.
- Have stairs in compliance with code (8" rise maximum, 9" tread width, minimum).
- Meet uniform Dwelling Code requirements
- Be inspected: Prior to backfilling of posts holes/foundation:
- For rough construction (prior to deck covering if inaccessible)
- Upon completion (stairs, rails, decking, etc.)

NOTE: Please phone 48 hours in advance to schedule an inspection.